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1. [redacted] four searchlights were in operation along the coast between Cape Fontana (N 46-23, E 30-35) and Odessa harbor. These searchlights were located as follows: one near Cape Fontana, presumably in the vicinity of the direction-finding station on the cape; one on Dembrovskiy Point (N 46-33, E 30-49); one at approximately N 46-25-30, E 30-46-10; and one at about N 46-32-36, E 30-45-00.

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4. An old passenger ship of about 5,000 GRT with two stacks was anchored in the roads. Its anchor lights were lit. There were three rows of portholes on both sides of the vessel. A faint light came from the portholes. Despite the fact that the ship was almost completely dark, [redacted] that that there were many military personnel on board and that the ship was now being used as a military transport. (sic).

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5. The training vessel DUNAY was not anchored in the roads [redacted]

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6.

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7. Two floating cranes were observed near the Platonovskiy pier. A floating crane of relatively recent construction, whose capacity [REDACTED] estimated at 80-100 tons, was moored on the northern side of the Platonovskiy pier, at the shore end of the pier. A 20-ton floating crane was moored at the quay between the Platonovskiy pier and the coal pier, beside the other floating crane.

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8. An old 800 GRT tug with two stacks, named the TOROS, was tied up to the quay south of the Platonovskiy pier. [REDACTED] believed that the TOROS could be used for icebreaking. A modern tug, which [REDACTED] judged had 300-400 hp engines and which was equipped with radio antenna and direction-finder, was moored at the quay between the coal pier and the Platonovskiy pier. The first three letters of this tug's name were ROS.

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9. Two Soviet merchant ships were in port [REDACTED] the LERMONTOV, which displaced 7,000-8,000 tons, and the VOSTOK, which displaced 5,000-6,000 tons. The LERMONTOV docked at the southern side of the coal pier, and the VOSTOK moored at the northern side of the Platonovskiy pier. There were six gun platforms on the LERMONTOV: one far aft, two amidships on either side of the bridge, and three on the bow aft of the capstan. A 100 mm gun could be mounted on the central platform, which was the largest of the three platforms on the bow. On the VOSTOK there were six platforms for single machine guns: two forward, two aft, and two amidships on either side of the bridge. The gun platforms on both vessels were in good repair.

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10. A modern Soviet passenger ship of 5,000 GRT with a single stack docked at the southern side of the naval pier, near the head of the pier. A 10,000 GRT Soviet passenger liner with a single stack, also of modern design, berthed at the head of this pier.

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[REDACTED]

12. In the southern part of the harbor there were about ten cargo ships, three small passenger ships in local service, and various harbor craft. Most of the cargo ships were old and none displaced more than 3,000 or 4,000 tons. The more modern ones were radar-equipped. Almost all the cargo ships had gun platforms.

13. Three naval vessels were anchored in the roads:

a. A ship similar to an escort vessel was anchored near the western end of the breakwater.

b. A vessel with very low freeboard, which displaced 500-600 tons and which [REDACTED] judged was a gunboat or torpedo boat, was moored inside the breakwater, near the central part of the breakwater.

[REDACTED]

c. A 5,000 or 6,000-ton naval vessel, believed [REDACTED] to be a cruiser, was riding at anchor near the central section of the breakwater. This ship had a trellis mast aft of the after stack and a clear forecastle. The forward bridge was painted with horizontal black and white stripes.

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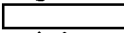
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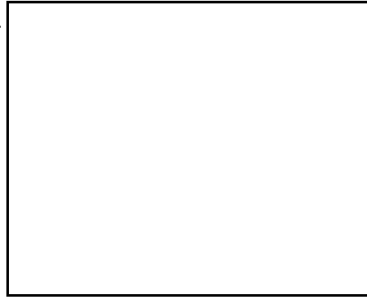


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14. At 1100 hours on two consecutive mornings  25X1
observed an aircraft which was probably a scheduled passenger airliner
flying over the port. Two delta-wing jet aircraft, which  believed 25X1
were fighters, flew over the harbor area one morning at cruising speed.
One evening, a jet aircraft of the same type was sighted flying at a
considerable altitude at high speed.

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